THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The amount spent during the last five years on Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) is about Rs. 227 crore. The IGMDP comprises of development of four missile systems namely PRITHVI, AKASH, TRISHUL and NAG and also technology demonstrator system AGNI, all of which have been flight tested from Chandipur in district Balasore, Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The presently envisaged surface to surface missile programmes have been successfully completed.

(d) Rs. 504 crore have been earmarked for IGMDP during Ninth Plan period.

Air Force Super Speciality Hospital in Delhi

2604. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force has opened a Super Specially Hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, the capacity in which the wife of the present Air Chief has been associated with the Institute; and

(c) the terms and conditions of her appointment, period of her appointment and under which provisions such a decision has been taken to employ her?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wife of the present Air Chief is not associated with the hospital except in her capacity as president, Air Force Wives Welfare Association (AFWWA). She is not holding any office or appointment in the Super Speciality Hospital.

Vehicles' sale to Members of Parliament from Central Vehicle Depots

2605. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a scheme for Members of Parliament to purchase vehicles from Central Vehicle Depots;

(b) if so, the number of vehicles, category-wise, model-wise, cost-wise sold to M.Ps during the last three years;

(c) whether there has been a decrease in the number of vehicles being sold due to their poor conditions and high price; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce the price of these disposable vehicles and the pending inventory of these vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement in attached. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir. Sale of vehicles, which registered a good increase in 1995, slightly fell during 1996, which is not due to either the poor condition or high price.

(d) Prices of the vehicls are generally fixed yearly, based on the average auction sale results of the previous year. Vehicles rejected/not collected by allottees are auctioned on regular basis, hence the question of a pending inventory does not arise.